

**Oregon/Washington Hydrography Framework Groups
Meeting Notes
REO, Portland, OR
January 31, 2003**

Attendees

Bob Harmon	OWRD	Dan Wickwire	BLM
Nancy Tubbs	USGS	Gege Coleman	BLM
Dale Guenther	REO	Aaron Haselby	BLM
Jim Edmonds	REO	Carl Harris	WADNR
Ken Adee	USFS	Carrie Wolfe	WADNR

Introductions & agenda adjustments

Clearinghouse

Dale. Latest patches received from ESRI have been installed. Testing has started: Gege, Siuslaw NF, Winema FS, & Carl. Jim has applied the necessary patches to the server.

Gege. Attempting to upload a 4th-field of hydro. It took over 5-hours. Mentioned problem with ability to get multiple check-outs on the same area. Happens when data is uploaded to the server, the area is unlocked for check-out even though the administrator has not checked it and posted it back to the main data area. Group agreed that the area should not be unlocked until the administrator has run the check-in procedures and reposted the data. We suggested running this process at night.

Dale. Plans to get new server to help split functionality and thereby speed up processing. He noted that ESRI has been helpful during this process.

Dale & Jim. Talked about load testing issues. Jim suggested just load testing the ArcIMS interface.

Carrie. Asked Dale if data only (no check-in intended) downloads had been enabled. Dale answered yes, by 4th-field HUCs.

There was some discussion about making additional themes available to the ArcIMS interface (for hydro check-out) to assist navigation around the region while looking for hydro data.

Carl. Will test polygon submission for checking out data.

Dan. Asked Jim to provide the group with a current list of outstanding issues.

Dale. Noted that Gege is working on making the help messages more useful when errors occur.

Gege. Asked Dale and Jim if adding the ability to cancel a transaction had been implemented.

ArcIMS access for the Forest Service is working now.

Dale. Noted that the Stewardship theme works from a copy of the 5th-field watershed layer. The copy is currently refreshed monthly. He may move to a quarterly schedule in the future.

Dale & Dan. Mentioned it is possible to have a different hydro and watershed data manager for the same watershed. The Clearinghouse supports this.

Dan & Ken. Both plan to have hydro training for their respective agencies around mid-March.

Ken & Gege. Asked Dale if it would be possible to get a list of checked-out watersheds on a regular basis. Dale thought so. Then they discussed what form it should take. Discussion also included getting a list or layer of hydro feature changes. This helps with internal tracking of hydro changes and deciding when it is necessary to download a new copy of the hydro themes.

Carl. Asked if it was possible to get more attributes from the Model made available for editing through the WCEDIT AML. Gege said that there might be a way through another drop down menu.

Ken. Stressed the need for point edit tool. Gege mentioned that she had one developed specifically for the BLM data sets. Ken offered resources to begin "generalizing" it, and bring in fix for the "modify route" tool/operation identified by Carl in another tool.

Launch date? Dale thought that it might be possible in early February.

Clearinghouse initial data load & integration

Ken. Has been providing data for integration process. The process with Titan has been working. The hard part has been cleaning up the FS data. In Oregon, 21 sub-basins (4th-field HUCs) are through "Phase II" integration. He needs contributions for work in western Washington.

The FS has done the whole of the Olympic peninsula. Ken feels that they are close to completing the remainder of western Washington up to the crest of the Cascades. He discussed this and some options for completing the work with Carrie and Carl (to be continued...).

Ken estimates the cost at \$15,000-\$20,000 per sub-basin to migrate to the NHD.

Ken & Dan. Have started negotiations on selecting the next round of sub-basins to integrate. About two more cycles, of approximately 25 sub-basins each remain (this round and one more).

Dan. Seven sub-basins from the first round of hydro data integration between the FS & BLM, on the north coast, are ready for submission to the Clearinghouse. More will be ready in mid-March.

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Dan. Will send around the latest draft again. Hope to wrap-up and be ready for signatures soon.

User guide (UG)

Dan & Aaron. Due to the size of the document Dan will email the address of the ftp location to the assembled group. We did a little brainstorming on the review process, but came to no conclusion.

Another meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Notes by rh, 3/4/2003